Sovereign Grace Church

May 28th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"*For* [our Heavenly Father] *hath made* [His only begotten Son] *to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in* [Christ]."

(2 Corinthians 5:21)

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Thine's, alas! a lost condition;
Works cannot work thee remission,
Nor thy goodness do thee good.
Death's *within* thee, all about thee:
But the remedy's *without* thee;
See it in thy Saviour's blood.

See the Lord of glory dying;
See Him gasping! Hear Him crying!
See His burden'd bosom heave!
Look, ye sinners, ye that hung Him;
Look how deep your sins have stung Him:
Dying sinners, look and live! —WG

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

James Richards, June 1st

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

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Grace Articles

Unto God Give Glory

"We are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth"

(2 Thessalonians 2:13)

In [considering] this momentous truth, let us begin where God himself began, namely, with election. To whom are we indebted for that first of all spiritual blessings? Pride says, "To me;" self-righteousness says, "To me;" man's unconverted will says, "To me." But faith joins with God's word in saying, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name" be the whole glory of thy electing love ascribed. Thou didst not choose us on supposition of our first choosing thee, but through the victorious operation of thy mighty Spirit, we choose thee for our Portion and our God, in consequence of thy having first and freely chosen us to be thy people.

It is no easy lesson to say, from the heart, "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us!" Self-righteousness cleaves to us as naturally and as closely as our skins; nor can any power, but that of an Almighty hand, slay us of it. I remember an instance, full to the point, and which I give, on the authority of a clergyman, now living, and eminent above many for his labors and usefulness. This worthy person assured me, a year or two since, that he once visited a criminal, who was under sentence of death for a capital offense, I think for murder. My friend endeavored to set before him the evil he had done, and to convince him that he was lost and ruined, unless Christ saved him by His blood, righteousness, and grace. "I am not much concerned about that," answered the self-righteous malefactor. "I have not, to be sure, led so good a life as some have; but I am certain that many have [been sentenced to death] who were much worse men than myself." So you see, a murderer may go to the [electric chair] trusting in his own righteousness! And you and I should have gone to hell, trusting in our own righteousness, if Christ had not stopped us by the way. — Augustus Toplady

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"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:5-7)

Both Are Righteous To The Lord

"He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD" (Proverbs 17:15)

Reader, how can this be? To justify the wicked is an abomination?! [Proverbs 17:15] Well then, what of the believing sinner? Does not God's word set forth that a wicked sinner like you and a wicked sinner like me is justified by His blood? How then is that not an abominable and immoral thing for God to do? Because beloved, our Heavenly Father has made His just sinless Son to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. I can't explain it, but I do believe it. You see, God has made His just Son to be wicked in His sight. How did He do that? By making the Lord Jesus Christ guilty of our sin, He was condemned wicked in His sight, bearing the sins of His people; so now, through His doing and His dying, we have been justified. And as a consequence, the demands of God's law being now satisfied, He may justify wicked sinners through the precious blood of His Son, which makes them innocent and just in His sight. Our Substitute, God's only begotten Son, was made to bare the guilt and shame of all our sins, and you beloved are made to be innocent, not guilty, indeed made the righteousness of God in Christ. Our great God only does what is right—He justifies the innocent, and He condemns the guilty, and both are righteous to the LORD! *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God…" "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (1 Peter 3:18, 2 Corinthians 5:21). Amen. — JDM

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"Together With Christ"

"… quickened us together with Christ…" (Ephesians 2:5)

Beloved, [God] saw our souls dead in sin, dead under His law, dead to Himself. Did He leave us? No; He loved us with great love, therefore, in rich mercy He quickened us. Quickened us! Is that all? A quickened soul, some think, is in a very inferior degree of grace; [for they think] it is neither justified nor sanctified; but such are great strangers to the rich mercy and great love of God; and they do not consider, that souls are quickened *"together with Christ."* There is the sweetness of quickening mercy enjoyed; quickened souls see their sinfulness, know their poverty, feel their misery and wretchedness, and groan under a body of sin and death. But here is their glory, joy, and comfort —they are one with Christ: His life is theirs, His death is theirs, His righteousness is theirs, His holiness is theirs, His fulness is theirs. Though sin is not dead in us, yet being one with Christ, we are dead indeed unto sin, and alive to God. *"By grace ye are saved."* Neither you nor your works have the least hand in salvation; therefore rejoice. It is not precarious and uncertain whether you shall be saved; for quickened souls may be as sure of it, as if they were now before the throne. Oh may love, mercy, and grace be the constant theme of our souls! [AMEN!]— William Mason

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